

its shipping and receiving chain, enabling it to save jobs and eliminate waste in the process. These resourceful changes have created a sense of company-wide camaraderie and further enhanced Xuron's competitiveness overseas.

While Xuron's products can be found around the world, the company's success directly helps people in the United States. For example, after Hurricane Katrina ravaged the gulf coastline in 2005, Xuron generously gave employee and corporate donations to the Bush-Clinton Katrina Relief Fund to rebuild areas damaged by the catastrophic natural disaster. The company's donations helped Gulf State Americans rebuild after an unprecedented tragedy, demonstrating Xuron's selfless commitment to helping individuals across the country.

Throughout history, Americans have shown a unique ability to overcome and succeed through hard times. Xuron is a shining example of American resilience as employees have worked together, retrained, and excelled through tough and uncertain economic climates. Their inspiring story demonstrates the tenacity of American small businesses, and particularly illuminates the strength found within the American manufacturing sector. I am extremely proud of Xuron's ingenuity and sincerely wish the company continued success in the coming years.●

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2191. A bill to amend the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 to prohibit the Attorney General from administering or enforcing certain accessibility regulations relating to pools at public accommodations or provided by public entities.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5335. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pyriofenone; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9336-6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 9, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5336. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Aspergillus flavus AF36; Amendment to an Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9341-5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 9, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5337. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a re-

port relative to the Secretary's personnel management demonstration project authorities for Department of Defense Science and Technology Reinvention Laboratories; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5338. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to authorizing a 90 percent guarantee on a supply chain finance facility involving The Bank of Nova Scotia, located in Toronto, Canada; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5339. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to authorizing a 90 percent guarantee on a supply chain finance facility involving Royal Bank of Scotland plc, located in Stamford, CT; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5340. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's semiannual Monetary Policy Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5341. A communication from the Acting Director of Human Resources, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator for Research and Development, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5342. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania; Determinations of Attainment of the 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Standard for the Philadelphia-Wilmington Nonattainment Area; Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule" (FRL No. 9645-6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 9, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5343. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Rhode Island; Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 9644-6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 9, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5344. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Tennessee; 110(a) (1) and (2) Infrastructure Requirements for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9644-3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 9, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5345. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Leakage Tests on Packages for Shipment of Radioactive Material" (Regulatory Guide 7.4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5346. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regu-

latory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice of Availability of the Model Safety Evaluation for Plant-Specific Adoption of Technical Specifications Task Force Traveler TSTF-505, Revision 1, 'Provide Risk-Informed Extended Completion Times-RITSTF Initiative 4B'" (NRC-2011-0277) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5347. A communication from the Chief Counsel of the Fiscal Service, Bureau of Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Payments by Banks and Other Financial Institutions of United States Savings Bonds and United States Savings Notes (Freedom Shares)" and "Regulations Governing Payment under Special Endorsement of United States Savings Bonds and United States Savings Notes (Freedom Shares)" (31 CFR Parts 321, 330) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5348. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Automatic Consent to Change to the Methods of Accounting Provided in the Tangible Property Temporary Regulations" (Rev. Proc. 2012-19 and Rev. Proc. 2012-20) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5349. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2012 Calendar Year Resident Population Figures" (Notice 2012-22) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5350. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Regarding the Repeal of Section 163(f) (2) (B)" (Notice 2012-20) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5351. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Revisions to the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Supplier Safeguards" (RIN0938-AQ57) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. DEMINT (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 2191. A bill to amend the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 to prohibit the Attorney General from administering or enforcing certain accessibility regulations relating to pools at public accommodations or provided by public entities; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. Res. 396. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 296

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 296, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide the Food and Drug Administration with improved capacity to prevent drug shortages.

S. 362

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 362, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a Pancreatic Cancer Initiative, and for other purposes.

S. 418

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 418, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol.

S. 1039

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1039, a bill to impose sanctions on persons responsible for the detention, abuse, or death of Sergei Magnitsky, for the conspiracy to defraud the Russian Federation of taxes on corporate profits through fraudulent transactions and lawsuits against Hermitage, and for other gross violations of human rights in the Russian Federation, and for other purposes.

S. 1421

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1421, a bill to authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.

S. 1598

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Min-

nesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1598, a bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to prevent excessive speculation in commodity markets and excessive speculative position limits on energy contracts, and for other purposes.

S. 1872

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1872, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 2004

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2004, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal to the troops who defended Bataan during World War II.

S. 2036

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. AYOTTE), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. HELLER), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2036, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

S. 2051

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2051, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans.

S. 2076

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2076, a bill to improve security at State and local courthouses.

S. 2098

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2098, a bill to support statewide individual-level integrated postsecondary education data systems, and for other purposes.

S. 2159

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2159, a bill to extend the authorization of the Drug-Free Communities Support Program through fiscal year 2017.

S. 2165

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2165, a bill to enhance strategic cooperation between the United States and Israel, and for other purposes.

S. 2179

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2179, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve oversight of educational assistance provided under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Defense, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 36

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 36, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation election procedures.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 396—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK

Mr. CASEY (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. AYOTTE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 396

Whereas multiple sclerosis can impact men and women of all ages, races, and ethnicities; Whereas more than 400,000 Americans live with multiple sclerosis;

Whereas approximately 2,100,000 people worldwide have been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis;

Whereas every hour of every day, someone is newly diagnosed with multiple sclerosis;

Whereas it is estimated that between 8,000 to 10,000 children and adolescents are living with multiple sclerosis;

Whereas the exact cause of multiple sclerosis is still unknown;

Whereas the symptoms of multiple sclerosis are unpredictable and vary from person to person;

Whereas there is no laboratory test available that definitively diagnoses a case of multiple sclerosis;